

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re the application of:

Wendy J. Coulson et al.

Application No.: 10/044,147

Filed: January 11, 2002

For: **INTEGRATED FUEL CELL AND
ELECTROCHEMICAL POWER SYSTEM
EMPLOYING THE SAME**

Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: John S. Maples

TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2004, Applicant submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- Response to Restriction Requirement; and
- Return postcard.

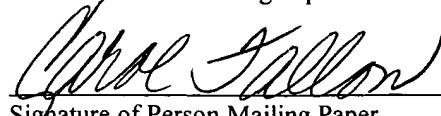
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Respectfully submitted,

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Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement, requiring restriction to one of the following four inventions: Group I claims 1-32 and 55-57, drawn to a fuel cell, classified in class 429, subclass 34; Group II claims 33-41 and 58, drawn to a first method of integrating a fuel cell, classified in class 429, subclass 12; Group III claims 42-46,

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drawn to a method of integrating a regeneration unit, classified in class 427, subclass 115; and Group IV claims 47-54, drawn to a second method of integrating a fuel cell, classified in class 264, subclass 129.

To advance prosecution, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I claims 1-31 and 55-57. Applicant reserves all rights to prosecute the non-elected claims at a later time.

Applicant believes that no fee is due for filing this Response. If any fee is in fact due, the USPTO is authorized to charge the same to our deposit account number **08-3038**. Kindly make reference to Howrey Docket No. **04813.0017.NPUS01** when debiting any fees.

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